

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Coppell Cowgirl volleyball team on winning the state championship title.

VIONA MAE HADER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Viona Mae Hader for her outstanding service to our community.

Viona is an inspirational and active member of the Golden community. She first moved to Golden in 1941 where she helped to establish and revitalize community events. In an effort to expand local trail rides, Viona helped revitalize the Buffalo Bill Days parade. She played an instrumental role in establishing the Foot-hills Art Center by purchasing the building and converting it into a gallery.

Viona is knowledgeable and observant. When she saw veterans receiving American flags for their service, she wondered how she could showcase these amazing soldiers' accomplishments. Soon after, she started the Flag Project at the Golden Cemetery. At the beginning, there were only eight flags, but now there are over 315 flags every Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

Viona is a pioneer. She was the first full-time employee of the Golden Chamber of Commerce and helped develop the first Golden tourist program. Among her many firsts, Viona is credited for writing the first History of Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Viona Mae Hader for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE PRESIDENT MCKINLEY "MACK" WILLIAMS

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Contra Costa College President McKinley "Mack" Williams and congratulate him as he approaches his well earned retirement.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Richmond, California, McKinley attended local elementary schools and graduated from Richmond High School. He earned his Masters of Science degree in Counseling from San Francisco State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. It was in Colorado that McKinley began his teaching career as a Professor of Ethnic Studies.

Upon his return to the Bay Area, McKinley worked as a marriage and family counselor as well as a Professor of Psychology at Merritt College. During his early career, McKinley

served as a Director of Research and Planning and Dean of Instruction at Merritt College, as well as Dean of Instruction at the College of Alameda.

As a well-respected expert in his field, McKinley has presented professional papers at many conferences dealing with community colleges and conducted research on critical issues facing educators. In 1990, McKinley joined the administration of Contra Costa College as Dean of Instruction. In 2005 he was appointed Interim President until July of 2006 when he was named President of the college. The college faculty and staff as well as the students who attended Contra Costa College are justifiably proud of the development of programs under McKinley's leadership. He has assembled a staff of educators who day after day helped him deliver on the promise of a quality education for all. Dedicated to breaking barriers to education for all students, particularly African American males, McKinley Williams has made a decided difference in the lives of thousands of our Bay Area youth.

In addition to his commitment to higher education, McKinley has lent his time and talent to a wide variety of organizations in our community. He serves on the board of the Richmond Children's Foundation, on the Schools-To-Careers Advisory Board for West Contra Costa Unified School District, is a member of the Leadership Advisory Committee for El Cerrito High school and serves on the Executive Board of the National Consortium of Middle College High School. He is also one of the few honored male members of The Black Women Organized for Political Action and is a lead singer for the popular gospel group Consonance. He is active on both the Richmond and San Pablo Chambers of Commerce and an active member of the Richmond-Pinole Lions Club.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to publically recognize Costa Community College President McKinley Williams and thank him for his tireless work that has left an indelible imprint on our community. Through his leadership, he has ensured that students of all ages are well prepared for continuing education, new careers, and life. On behalf of our children, families and the communities served so well by his tenure I thank McKinley Williams, and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

BUNNY MALM

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Bunny Malm for her outstanding service to our community.

Bunny has been active in the Lakewood community since it was first incorporated. Bunny served as Lakewood's first Charter Chairman of the city's Board of Adjustment. Among Bunny's many board positions in the Jefferson County community, she served two years as chairman of the Jefferson County Planning Commission. Bunny currently serves as a Board member of the Lakewood Historical Society and the West Colfax Community Association.

Bunny's get up and go attitude has led her to become a volunteer ambassador for the

Lakewood-West Colfax Business Improvement District. When Bunny isn't busy working on one of her many board duties or volunteering at a local charitable group, she can be found picking up trash on West Colfax. That's who Bunny is—compassionate, outgoing and always willing to lend an extra hand.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Bunny Malm for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor on Monday, December 12. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 913, 914, and 915, and "no" on rollcall 916.

AMY SHERMAN

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amy Sherman for her outstanding service to our community.

Amy Sherman is a woman of integrity, vision, and perseverance. While serving ten years as the President of the West Chamber, Amy founded and helped develop many organizations geared to help businesses flourish in Jefferson County. These organizations include the Jefferson County Business Resource Center, the Rooney Valley Association, and the Celebrate Women of Jefferson County Event. Amy also started the tourism initiative named Experience Jefferson County.

Amy sees the bigger picture and is willing to take the risks necessary for her projects to succeed. Due to her keen eye and purposeful spirit, Amy was awarded the Colorado Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year in 2008.

Awards and congratulations are not what drive Amy; she strives to make every person's life in the community better. Whether sitting on one of 14 boards throughout her ten years as the West Chamber President, or volunteering with the Twin Connection to mentor a meth-addicted mother of twins, or chairing events for her children's school PTA, Amy focuses on the betterment of her community for now and many years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amy Sherman for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.